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## ALL ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

By the Chairman.

The time has come now for the condensed informations about the coming convention.

This article is more intended to the deaf living west of Chicago, and you will see later on how this is applying to the caes.

The Convention meetings will be held in Hollenden hotel, and this hotel is also our headquarters. The Hollanden hotel people will make their large "sample rooms" into a bedroom for a party of eight to ten. The Chairman thinks that those who intend to come in a bunch better write him to reserve this large room for them. Please remember that these large rooms are the only way that you can make a bunch of your old classmates, etc. Beside the fun that would come from such rooms, the rates are only \$1.00 for each persons occupying these rooms.

### Railroad Arrangements.

The Chairman has a friend in city who is a railroad man. I have suggested to him that he make up some convention bulletins and to mail them to all members of the N. A. D., so as to induce them to come to the convention.

These leaflets will give the full information as to rates which have been secured for the delegates. These rates are reduced for this event. These leaflets will also contain the names of all the Western representatives and in fact all the data as I suggested to the R. R. Company. These leaflets will be mailed to each delegate in the near future.

The Transportation Committee has decided to make the Union Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway the official route from all points west of Chicago and to Chicago. All delegates and their friends will find this train service offered by these lines the very best.

Any further informations desired in connection with the railway arrangements may be had by either communicating to the nearest Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad agents whose names and addresses will be in the leaflets, or to the Local Committee.

These trains are "all steel." Some of the train schedules will be given here, but for the full informations these will be covered in the leaflets

that will be mailed to you soon.

If you wish to have a copy of these leaflets let me know and I will have one coming out to you on the receipt of a letter.

The Pacific Limited Train No. 20 leaves San Francisco daily at 10:20 a. m., Los Angeles 9 a. m., and arrives at Chicago the third morning at 9:15. The Olympian train leaves Seattle daily at 10:15 a. m., and arrives at Chicago the third morning at 11:59. The Columbian train leaves Seattle daily at 7:15 p. m., and arrives at Chicago the third evening at 10:15.

Another good train is called to your attention, the Puget Sound Express No. 28, leaving Portland daily at 8:00 p. m., arriving at Chicago the third morning at 7:30. From Denver to Chicago the Colorado Special leaves Denver daily at 3:45 p. m., and arrives at Chicago the next evening at 8:50, only one night on the road on this train.

Another good train leaves Denver 10 p. m. and arrives at Chicago the second morning at 7:20. From Kansas City to Chicago they offer the Southern Limited, leaving Kansas City at 5:55 p. m., and arrives at Chicago the next morning at 8:20.

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When the leaflets arrive the delegates are desired to give them a careful attention and help other friends of their to plan the trip to Cleveland.

It is earnestly desired that all of the western of Chicago deaf plan to leave their respective homes and to arrive at Chicago by the noon of August 19th, 1913, so that the deaf in Chicago may be joined by the large delegation from the West and to come to Cleveland on a special train furnished free to carry the large delegation from Chicago. The regular railroad fare from Chicago will be the only fare accepted on this special train and it may be better that you plan to have a bunch of ten to each ticket, whereby the fare is consequently lower than to come on the single ticket. This special train will leave Chicago on the hour to be decided by the party at Chicago.

I have appointed Mr. Francis P. Gibson to look after these arrangements at Chicago, and he will arrange to have all the deaf coming to Chi-

cago from the west points met by some of the Chicago boys, and they will be taken care of in Chicago till the time for the special train to leave is fixed.

### Social and Entertainments

There will be plenty of clean fun and good times for all at the convention; the bigger crowd we have on hand the better.

Some of the entertainments as billed for the convention are as follows:

Inspection tour through the great Winton automobile plant.

Reception at Hollenden hotel.

Picnic at Luna Park, motor cycle races, balloon ascensions, etc., etc.

Boat ride on the good old Lake Erie.

Banquet at Hollenden hotel.

Baseball games (American League). See the celebrated Larry Lajoie play the best game of his career.

The tentative program for the social entertainments are now being arranged and as soon as they are all booked these will be put in the official program booklets of the convention.

There will be moving pictures taken of the delegates at this convention, and it seems that you all better come to the convention so as to have your picture taken in the moving picture, and at a later date you all can see your own actions on the screen, how you behaved at the convention. This is a great treat for all.

We want a very big crowd at this convention and it does not matter who are going to be here. The deaf from other states will be given the first consideration in every manner, and this is done on the rule of a polite manner.

In a near future issue of this paper, the hotel rates will be given out by the publicity man of this local committee, and you all will also have the first data about the coming convention.

The local committee has been working very hard for the good of the Society. There will never be a better convention than the one to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 20th to 27th, 1913.

I am, yours very truly,

KRIGH B. AYERS,  
Chairman of the Local Committee,  
1486 Coutant Ave., Lakewood, O.

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NEW N. A. D. BY-LAWS.

O. H. Regenborg, with the aid of prominent deaf in Chicago and elsewhere has prepared a plan of federation to be submitted at the Cleveland convention.

The plan does away with all individual memberships, and in its place provides for the membership of all associations of the deaf, local, state and national, under certain definite regulations.

The name proposed is the National League of Associations for the Deaf.

The voting body at conventions consists of delegates from each association at the rate of one delegate for 25 members, also the president and secretary of each association, and the chairman of each bureau, industrial, civil service, publicity, etc.

Others may attend conventions and take part in discussion, but cannot vote.

Annual dues are at the rate of 10 cts. a member of all the affiliated associations.

The government is vested in a council, a large body, composed of the officers of the various associations; a board of directors of nine members, and an executive committee of three members.

Conventions to be held biennially, and there is to be a meeting of the board of directors between conventions.

The property interests of each association are protected, each being left to manage its own affairs. The National League exercises no control over the local associations beyond requiring the payment of prescribed dues as a condition of membership.

The plan has been worked out elaborately and set forth in minute detail, which will be published in the official organ.

DEATH OF MRS. A. R. SPEAR.

The many friends of Mr. A. R. Spear will be grieved and shocked to hear of the sudden death of his young wife, which occurred recently after an illness of only a few days. We tender our sympathy to Mr. Spear in his heavy sorrow.

THE NEW ENGLAND SPOKESMAN.

We have received a copy of the New England Spokesman. This is issued monthly in the interest of the New England Home for the Deaf.

There are 11 inmates in this home, which is located at 112 Fremont Ave., Everett, Mass.

The Semi-Centennial number of the Minnesota Companion is a fine affair, with a pretty green cover and an abundance of illustrations and interesting matter. No doubt Dr. Smith did all of the pen-wielding for that issue, and as is usual with what he undertakes, he made a very good job of it.

SPECIAL ANNUAL OF THE  
WASHINGTONIAN.

We have received a copy of the Special Annual of the Washingtonian. It's well done typographically and the editorial part sounds decidedly like James Meagher and Carl Garrison. On the whole, it's a bright and creditable issue.

We understand a still larger annual is soon to make its appearance.

STATE OFFICERS.

New officers will be elected at the coming convention. We understand that President Divine, Vice-President Meagher, Secretary Hunter and Treasurer Root will one and all decline re-election to their present positions.

We have no nominations to make, except that of L. A. Divine for treasurer. We believe he is a man in whom all have confidence and would make a good official, and hope he may have an unanimous election. The fact that he is connected with the state school would not injure his service as treasurer. R.

NOT KNOWN HERE.

Recently the local papers announced the death of a deaf man in a lodging house below Yesler Way.

He was a member of the I. W. W., but none of the local deaf knew him. Eddie Speeler, who viewed the remains, pronounced him an Italian of apparent giant strength.

APPRECIATION

A letter from a deaf man of national reputation and former officer of the N. A. D. says: "I always admired Olof Hanson as president of the N. A. D. He has been one of the most level-headed presidents we ever had."

THE NEW MINNESOTA LAW.

CHAPTER 238—S. F. No. 81.

AN ACT to create a division for the deaf in the Bureau of Labor and prescribing the duties thereof. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. There shall be created in the Bureau of Labor a division devoted to the deaf.

Sec. 2. The Commissioner of Labor shall appoint a competent man to take charge of such division, who shall devote his time to the special work of labor for the deaf, under the supervision of the Commissioner. He shall collect statistics of the deaf, ascertain what trades or occupations are most suitable for them and best adapted to promote their interest, and shall use his best efforts to aid them in securing such employment as they may be fitted to engage in.

He shall keep a census of the deaf and obtain facts, information and statistics as to their condition in life, with a view to the betterment of their lot. He shall endeavor to obtain statistics and information of the condition of labor and employment and education of the deaf in other states with a view to promoting the general welfare of the deaf of this State.

Sec. 3. He shall be designated as Chief of the Bureau of Labor for the deaf.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1913.

The above is a text of the law just passed by the Minnesota legislature and signed by the Governor.

Credit for it belongs chiefly to A. R. Spear of Minnesota. The law, however, is not near as strong as the bill which was at first written by Mr. Spear. Influences over which he had no control tended to weaken the measure.

ATTEMPT TO ENTER FAILED.

Some time between Saturday night and Monday morning an attempt was to enter the Observer office by means of wedge, marks being plainly visible on the door. As the Observer sub-list is not kept at the office and the editorial secrets are safely protected, it is not known exactly what was wanted. The hole made was not large enough to admit a dynamite stick, although doubtless quite a few would like to blow us up. Being an easy, don't-care sort of a crowd, the matter has not been reported to the police.

Later:—We have discovered it was John Adams, who was attempting to get his Sunday dinner which his wife had left here Saturday afternoon while she went shopping.

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We hear the Morrissey children are having a siege of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Swangren leave Sunday for a week at Portland.

The school children are expected home from Vancouver next Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Hammond and sister visited Snoqualmie Falls Decoration Day.

We understand Otto Klawitter will soon commence the erection of a new home.

Rene De Clercq is now working for the Sperry Flour Mill at South Vallejo, Cal.

Herman Kohn has again shown up in Seattle. He has been to Alaska, so he says.

Miss Cleon Morris is now at the Children's Hospital, making dresses for the little tots.

As far as known, Mique Brown has not done anything great enough to merit mention in this issue.

Mrs. Harris, mother of Roy, and Mrs. John Adams, had a serious fall recently but is slowly improving.

Report has it that the engagement of an estimable Seattle young lady to a Spokane gentleman has been canceled by mutual agreement.

A brother of Fred Emmons has recently been honorably discharged from the navy. He lost his hearing while in Uncle Sam's employ and draws a pension of \$30 per month.

A. W. Wright has been fishing and actually caught two fish. Partridge and Waugh have the laugh on him, while a snicker comes up from Leaveworth where Roy Harris is.

L. O. Christensen expects to go to Portland next week and see the Rose Fete and call on the local deaf. Better hand him a dollar, or so, for The Observer.

The Holcomb children at Bremer-to have been having the measles. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb expect to hold a wooden wedding at the Gustin home in Seattle next Saturday night.

Tom Smith, who was en route for British Columbia, was in Seattle last week and was met by the managing editor. He never attended deaf school, but uses the manual alphabet and some signs. He lost his hearing at the age of ten. He works as butler in hotels.

L. O. Christensen and E. Swangren, on Decoration Day crossed Lake Washington to Kirkland, then hiked it seven miles to Lake Sammamish, where they snoozed for a time, then went on to Redmond and caught an auto back to Kirkland, tired and thoroughly talked out.

Messrs. Hole and Spieler met Mr. and Mrs. Axt at Alki Point last Friday. Mr. Axt is now employed at the Seattle Cap Works, business being dull in the fur line at present. Mrs. Axt's mother recently presented her with two lots, worth at least

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\$1,200 each. Mrs. Axt expects to buy an auto soon. She will be the first of the deaf here to own one.

Rev. Fedder held the usual monthly services for the deaf last Sunday, to an audience composed mainly of ladies, the bright summer weather having lured all the men out into the country. As Mr. Fedder is to take a vacation during July, there will be no services in that month, but they will be resumed in August. Rev. Fedder continues to improve in his command of the sign language at every service he holds.

#### STATE CONVENTION.

Arrangements for the State convention are progressing.

Plans practically as follows:

Every one to be in town by 11 a. m. Thursday, July 3.

First thing to do is to pay your dues and secure a badge which will admit you to everything.

Dues for members are 75 cents.

Initiation fee for new members \$1.00.

Treasurer Root will be ready to receive dues and fees by 10:30 a. m., Thursday, July 3, at his office, 1426 Fourth Avenue. It is hoped that all will pay early as possible, as it will take some time to serve the 75 or 80 who are expected to take the auto ride at 1:30 p. m., and it is not desired to keep the autos waiting. Owing to the difficulty of getting autos, this ride will be confined strictly to those wearing badges.

The autos will probably leave Root & Christensen's office at 1:30 p. m. for a two hours' ride over the boulevard.

In the evening a reception will be held at Trinity church, where every one is expected to meet everybody else.

Friday, an all-day picnic will be held at Schmitz Park or Alki Beach. The attendance is expected to be a record-breaker. A good line of sports will be pulled off and prizes awarded. This place has one of the best bathing beaches in the Union. It is hoped to return from this park by boat.

Saturday, at 10:30 a. m., the convention business meeting will be held, probably, at Carpenters' Hall. President Divine is preparing a program which we hope to have for our next issue. Prof. Clarke is expected to be present. Mayor Cotterill will be invited. Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Meagher will probably give songs in signs.

A street car ride may possibly be wedged into this afternoon.

In the evening a grand ball will be given at Carpenters' Hall to all wearing badges.

Sunday morning every one is to do as they please, visit parks, etc.—a trip may be made to Bremerton. At 3 p. m. service will be held at Trinity church, corner of Eighth and James, led by Mrs. Hanson. It will be an experience meeting in which all are requested to take part. With the assistance of such men as Axling and Divine, this should be a most interesting and profitable meeting.

The usual large number of out-of-the-state guests are expected to be in attendance at the convention. R.

#### A BIRTHDAY SOCIAL.

By an oversight we omitted to give an account of the May Social of the P. S. A. D., which was held at the Wright home. It was really a birthday party to True Partridge, and the abundant refreshments showed how popular he was. The party was engineered by Cleon Morris, and the success proved her proficiency as an entertainer. A beautiful gold scarf-pin was presented to Mr. Partridge by his assembled friends.

#### AT THE AXLING HOME.

The last social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Axling. There was a goodly attendance and the hostess obligingly allowed every one to do as they pleased. Some played cards, some visited, while some of the young people made Sunday afternoon plans. Refreshments were in abundance and every one certainly ate till they said enough.

The date happened to be Mrs. Axling's birthday and she received several presents.

**Bible Class** for the deaf meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth Ave. & James St All welcome.

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## SPOKANE.

Mr. Jupiter Pluvius is in town. Old Sol would be a more welcome guest, however.

William Memrich, pitcher for the City Hall baseball team, with a lot of big husky cops and firemen behind him, started off for Natatorium park, a few days ago, after the scalp of the County pen pushers. The County boys would not let anything scare them out of victory, and poor William came back, rather limply, with his big boys, each carrying a different story as they all do. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of the "Pen pushers." There was plenty of wind both in the grandstand as well as on the diamond as signals were noticeable from different parts of the stand. In the third inning Billy sent an S O S, and it was reported his arm was paining him, but he stuck out on his post like a brave general.

E. R. V. Chambers has been located here.

Sidney G. Raison claims to be the straightest man in town today. Why? Why, he is a Frat, having received his certificate and button from the Los Angeles Division No. 27.

"Silence is golden." Some one certainly seems to believe this as we have heard of no official announcement of the election of the Spokane Assn. officers.

"We make way for the man who boldly pushes past us." —Bovee.

## "STRUGGLE STILL."

When times are hard—no trade in town,

Don't get discouraged and go down, But struggle still—no murmur utter, A few more kicks may bring the butter.

—Boston Traveler."

## TACOMA.

Miss Alice Hammond entertained the other two Hammonds (Mr. and Mrs. Chas.) at dinner recently. After that, the "movies," of course.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond were visitors at the Bertram's new home, 3616 North Ferdinand, Sunday, May 25th. Mr. Bertram appears to have thought them an unusually handsome bunch, for he has immortalized them in a fine photographic group taken with his new camera.

Mrs. Foster, who has been in poor health for some time, is to leave for her old home in Minnesota, June 7th, to remain for several months, in the hope of regaining her health and strength. We can foresee how lonesome Ray will be without his wife and child.

Mrs. Chas. Hammond was to have left for Nebraska in company with Mrs. Foster, but owing to her brother

Orval Duncan son's wedding taking place on June 22nd, she has deferred her departure until that date.

James Davenport, who arrived here from Iowa some months ago, has ever since been steadily employed at his trade at the Milwaukee shops. He says his sister (also deaf) of Grand Rapids, Iowa, is to spend three months here this summer. She was to have arrived Sunday, June 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Snider of Olympia, were Tacoma visitors Sunday, June 1st. They visited with Mrs. Seeley in the afternoon. They seem prosperous and happy, although their place of residence would hardly appeal to one. It is indeed situated in a beautiful little town and in one of the quietest and loveliest spots there of, but, then, that is—the center of the Olympia cemetery of which Mr. Snider is sexton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram entertained the Tahoma Club Saturday evening, May 31st. Needless to say everyone had a fine time. Mr. and Mrs. B. have such a delightful way of making people feel at home. There were about 22 present, among them being Mr. Rowan and Miss Slegel, who haven't been present for many months, owing to the absence of the former and the street car accident which befall the latter.

Mrs. Wade was a visitor in Tacoma Saturday and Sunday. She attended the club meeting Saturday evening and visited with Miss A. Hammond Sunday afternoon. Mr. Emmons of Seattle was also at the club meeting.

## WHERE THE DAY SCHOOL IS WEAK.

The day school idea, which is so attractive in theory, does not work out so well in practice. It certainly sounds nice to speak of deaf children going to and fro between their homes and school daily like hearing children. But there are circumstances surrounding deaf children that do not obtain among hearing children. Hearing children can be gathered together from one ward in sufficient numbers to form a well-graded school. Deaf collected from distant parts of the children, on the contrary, have to be city. If the number is small, good grading is impossible, and every teacher knows that good grading is an important factor in successful teaching. Deaf children in boarding schools get a great deal of help and instruction out of school hours which they would not get at home. They receive moral and religious instruction on Sunday which the day school does not provide. And every good boarding school makes provision for industrial training under skilled instruction, which the day schools cannot afford.

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## PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Meeting at Carpenter Hall, Fourth Avenue just north of Pine Street.

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## A PURE ORAL PRODUCT.

Mr. Joseph Keating, principal of the New Brunswick School for the Deaf, in another letter relates the following incident:

A couple of years ago a well educated deaf gentleman who had been orally taught in one of the schools of the state of New York, called to see me at my school. The servant who opened the door in response to his ring failed to understand his speech. She then brought him to me, but I, too, failed to understand what he said. Nor was he able to mouth-read my speech when I spoke to him. I then tried him with the manual alphabets (one hand and two hands) and with signs. He could not read spelling on the fingers and he was utterly unable to comprehend any signs I made to him. I was then reduced to the necessity of writing to him and found that he had been orally taught, that he was well educated and that his father was paying a large sum annually for his education.

When this young man left me he boarded a street car, and I saw him speak to the conductor, but the conductor could not understand a word he uttered.

Now the inference from all this is I earnestly hope that your campaign will prove successful and that the practice of Pure Oralism will receive its quietus before long.

JOS. KEATING, Principal.